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FOL TEL SENT SECSTATE INFO BRUSSELS, COPENHAGEN, LONDON,
MOSCOW, OSLO, PARIS, STOCKHOLM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG FROM
HELSINKI MAY 24 TH:

QUOTE: HELSINKI 1369

MOSCOW PASS LENINGRAD

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SUBJ: STRIKE PARALYZES FINNAIR

1. ALL FINNAIR DOMESTIC SERVICES CAME TO A HALT THIS MORNING.
INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURES HAVE ALSO BEEN CANCELLED BUT FINNAIR
HOPES TO MAINTAIN LIMITED INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULE. PRIORITY ON
REGULAR ROUTES WILL BE GIVEN TO THIS AFTERNOON' S FLIGHT TO NEW
YORK VIA COPENHAGEN AND AMSTERDAM. FINNAIR HAS ASKED AEROFLOT
TO TAKE ON ITS ROUTES TO LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW BUT HAS NOT YET
RECEIVED RESPONSE.

2. FINNAIR OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT AIRLINE WILL GIVE FIRST
PRIORITY TO CHARTER FLIGHTS. MANY FINNISH TOUR GROUPS ARE
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SCATTERED ABOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN AND PLANES NOW OUTSIDE
FINLAND MAY BE DIVERTED TO MEET THESE COMMITMENTS.

3. ABOUT 300 SUPERVISORY TECHNICIANS WENT ON SYMPATHY STRIKE
LAST NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF OTHER EMPLOYEES IN PARENT FEDERATION
OF TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES (STTK) WHO HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE AGAINST
GOVERNMENT FOR TWO WEEKS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUING
DISRUPTION FINLAND' S TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (HELSINKI
1276 AND 1291). KREHBIEL UNQUOTE RUSH

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